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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 January 2001.
 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
 6) Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by *Parker et al* USPN 5,781,720.

Regarding claims 1, 13 , 20 and 21

Parker et al teaches,

- a display to display the output as a bitmap (see figures 2, 4 and 15, column 2, lines 58, “GUI environment hold...”);
- a test routine (see figures 13-15),
- a capture routine invocable by the test routine to extract data from a predefined region of the bitmap (column 3, lines 12-31, “ bitmap validation is...application testers”),
- the test routine adapted to receive the extracted data to perform a test procedure (column 28, lines 30-36, “to enables cross platform testing... code itself”).

Regarding claims 2 and 14

Parker et al teaches,

- extracted data with a predetermined string (column 27, lines 56-65, “query a text field... validation database”).

Regarding claims 3, 4, 15, 16, 22 and 23

Parker et al teaches,

- a communication client adapted to communicate with the system (column 33, lines 38-45, “inter process communication... 3 GUI”).

Regarding claims 5, 6, 18 and 19

Parker et al teaches,

- the bitmap comprises an array of pixels, and wherein the predefined region comprises a rectangular region (column 28, lines 53-65, “bitmap difference... considered significant”).

Regarding claims 7-9

Parker et al teaches,

- the output comprises a table having a first column of fields and a second column of fields (column 29, lines 35-59, “suppose that two tables... columns in the table”).

Regarding claims 10 and 17

Parker et al teaches,

- test routine is adapted to refresh the bitmap to obtain an updated output of the software application (column 2, lines 22-45, “ validate software... button release 1”).

Regarding claim 11

Parker et al teaches,

- test routine is adapted to invoke the capture routine to extract the data and to perform the test procedure after each refresh (column 30, lines 7-14, “refers to any... and memory”).

Regarding claim 12

Parker et al teaches,

- test routine is adapted to repeat invoking the capture routine and performing the test procedure until a time-out occurs (see figures 3 and 5).

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

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- USPN 5669000

USPN 5410681 Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anil Khatri whose telephone number is 703-305-0282. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30-5:00 PM.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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